

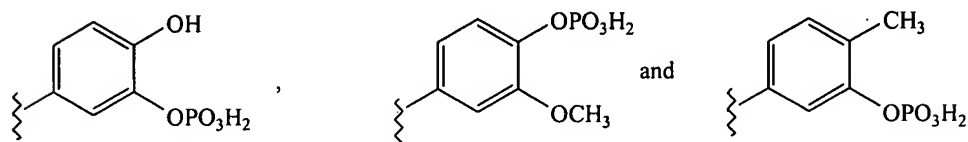
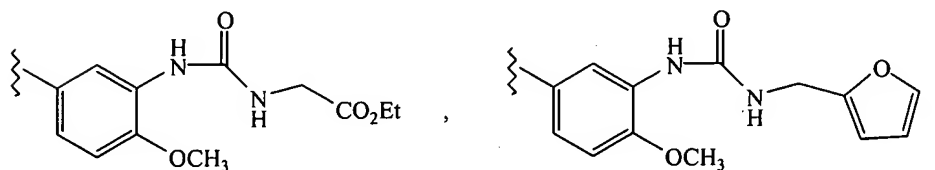
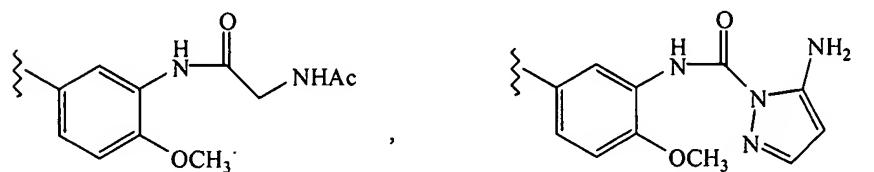
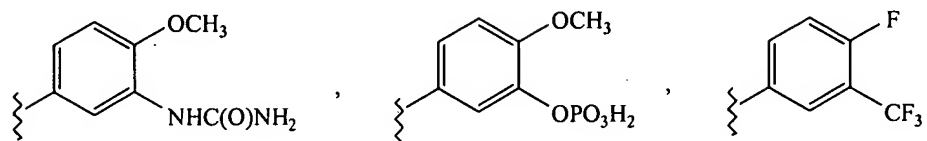
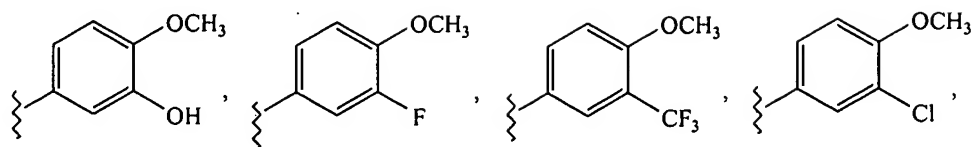
IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph at page 7, lines 6-14 as follows:

A 1 --Similarly, substituents for the aryl and heteroaryl groups are varied and are selected from: -halogen, -OR', -OPO₃H₂, -OC(O)R', -NR'R'', -SR', -R', -CN, -NO₂, -CO₂R', -CONR'R'', -C(O)R', -OC(O)NR'R'', -NR''C(O)R', -NR''C(O)₂R', -NR'-C(O)NR''R''', -NH-C(NH₂)=NH, -NR'C(NH₂)=NH, -NH-C(NH₂)=NR', -S(O)R', -S(O)₂R', -S(O)₂NR'R'', -N₃, -CH(Ph)₂, perfluoro(C₁-C₄)alkoxy, and perfluoro(C₁-C₄)alkyl, in a number ranging from zero to the total number of open valences on the aromatic ring system; and where R', R'' and R''' are independently selected from hydrogen, (C₁-C₈)alkyl and heteroalkyl, unsubstituted aryl and heteroaryl, (unsubstituted aryl)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl, and (unsubstituted aryl)oxy-(C₁-C₄)alkyl.--

Please amend the paragraph at page 10, line 20 to page 11, line 8 as follows:

A 2 -- Also preferred are those embodiments in which Ar represents a substituted aryl or substituted heteroaryl group, preferably those having a single ring (e.g., substituted phenyl, substituted pyridyl and substituted pyrimidyl). Particularly preferred embodiments are those in which Ar is substituted phenyl. For those embodiments in which Ar is substituted phenyl, the substituents will typically be present in a number of from one to three. Preferred substituents are selected from -halogen, -OR', -OPO₃H₂, -OC(O)R', -NR'R'', -SR', -R', -CN, -NO₂, -CO₂R', -CONR'R'', -C(O)R', -OC(O)NR'R'', -NR''C(O)R', -NR''C(O)₂R', -NR'-C(O)NR''R''', -NH-C(NH₂)=NH, -NR'C(NH₂)=NH, -NH-C(NH₂)=NR', perfluoro(C₁-C₄)alkoxy, and perfluoro(C₁-C₄)alkyl, where R', R'' and R''' are independently selected from hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)alkyl, unsubstituted aryl and heteroaryl, (unsubstituted aryl)-(C₁-C₄)alkyl, and (unsubstituted aryl)oxy-(C₁-C₄)alkyl. Particularly preferred substituents are halogen, (C₁-C₄)alkyl, -OR', -OPO₃H₂, -OC(O)R', -NR'R'', -CO₂R', -CONR'R'', -C(O)R', -OC(O)NR'R'', -NR''C(O)R', -NR''C(O)₂R', -NR'-C(O)NR''R''', perfluoro(C₁-C₄)alkoxy, and perfluoro(C₁-C₄)alkyl, in which R', R'' and R''' are hydrogen or (C₁-C₄)alkyl. Still further preferred are those embodiments in which Ar is selected from:



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